

PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – FEBRUARY 3, 2014

The Perry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as was duly advertised. Commissioners present were President Thomas J. Hauser, Vice President Bill Amos and Randy Kleaving. A media representative of the *Perry County News* was also present along with County Attorney Chris Goffinet, and County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL

Randy made a motion to approve claims that were dated February 3, 2014 and payroll that was distributed on January 27, 2014. Bill seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners signed claims dockets in the amounts of \$310,503.81; \$97,575.34 for highway claims; and advances of \$1,695.69, \$64,936.68, \$144,817.32, \$9,900.00, \$1,475.92 and \$188.94 for a total of \$631,093.70 as presented. In addition, the payroll docket for the January 27th payroll was approved in the amount of \$120,667.30.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Perry County Development Corporation: The Commissioners had before them a letter from Perry County Development Corporation asking for the County Commissioners Board of Director appointment and a delegate for the annual meeting to be held in February. Bill made a motion to reappoint Tom to the Board of Directors for a 3 year term and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Bill made a motion to appoint Randy as the delegate for the annual PCDC meeting. Tom seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

TELECOM AUDITING

County Auditor, Connie Berger, reminded the commissioners that in late December a presentation was made by Espy Services to do a Telecom Audit for the county. At that meeting they had tabled the issue until they could review the information they received. After some discussion Bill made a motion to not do the audit at this time. Randy seconded the motion and stated that it may be something the commissioners will look at in the future. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT

The commissioners opened bids at their January 21, 2014 meeting for a 2014 4x2 Dump Truck along with a Front End Wheel Loader and took them under advertisement so they could be reviewed by the Highway Superintendent. Only one bid was received for the Dump Truck and that was from Sternberg International in the amount of \$81,628.64. Bill made the motion to accept the bid from Sternberg International, and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The commissioners received the following bids on the Front End Wheel Loader:

- Diamond Equipment, Inc \$134,995.00
- Erb Equipment, Inc. \$140,289.00
- Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc. \$134,080.00 & \$128,450.00
- Whayne Supply Company \$142,645.00

Bill made the motion to accept the bid from Whayne Supply Company in the amount of \$142,645. Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The commissioners explained that the reason they did not accept the low bid on the Front End Wheel Loader was due to the information that was provided to them by Ed Feix, Highway Superintendent. Ed had explained that several highway employees and the mechanics had evaluated the machines and felt that the Cat loader would be the best piece of equipment for the highway department. Tom stated that the front end wheel loader is a piece of equipment that will be with the highway department for 25 years or longer.

County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, explained that the Front End Wheel Loader would be financed, and as in the past, letters would be sent to all local banks asking for quotes on the financing in the amount of \$142,645. Randy made the motion to allow the County Auditor to send letters to the local banks for the financing. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg, presented the commissioners with an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$190,937 for the PCDC Contract within the Perry County EDIT Fund. Randy made the motion to approve the request and Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Change in Commissioners Meeting Locations: Teresa announced the following dates and locations for commissioners meetings in the next several months due to the renovation work being done at the courthouse:

Tuesday, February 18th – 9:00 A.M. Perry Central High School
Monday, March 3rd – 6:00 P.M. Tell City Depot
Tuesday, March 18th – 9:00 A.M. Tell City High School
Tuesday, April 8th – 6:00 P.M. Perry Central High School
Tuesday, April 15th – 9:00 A.M. Cannelton High School

If school is cancelled, then the meeting would be postponed until a later date.

Commissioners Certificate Sale: Tom stated that some new things have developed and the commissioners may want to remove the Can-Clay property from the Commissioners Certificate Sale that is scheduled for March 11th. County Attorney, Chris Goffinet, explained that the commissioners' certificate sale allows property to be sold at a lesser amount than what is owed in property taxes, and in the case of Can-Clay the amount owned is around ½ million dollars. Chris explained that there are other options besides the certificate sale, and he would like to see the county try these options. He stated that the options are contact the owner and work with them on a way to get the taxes paid, or the law allows the county to take legal action and file a law suit against the property owner. Chris stated that it is very important for the county as well as the City of Cannelton, and the Cannelton City Schools that these taxes are paid. After meeting with the County Auditor, County Treasurer and Mayor of Cannelton all feel it would be best to remove the Can-Clay property from the certificate sale. Tom stated that he supported removing it from the sale due to the fact that it will protect the tax revenues and also the 20 jobs that are currently at Can-Clay. Bill made the motion to remove the Can-Clay property from the Commissioners Certificate Sale and Randy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Vacant Lot- City of Cannelton: Tom stated that Cannelton Mayor Mary Snyder had inquired about a vacant lot in Cannelton that the commissioners hold the lien to and is scheduled to sell on the Commissioners Certificate Sale on March 11th. The City is interested in the property for a side walk project that the city has. The County Attorney said that the commissioners are allowed to either sell or give away any Tax Sale Certificate that they have acquired. Tom stated that the starting bid if offered at the certificate sale was \$53.67. Randy made a motion to offer the property to the City of Cannelton for the minimum amount of \$53.67. Bill seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0.

Teresa announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at Perry Central High School.

The meeting ended in open session at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes approved this 18th day of March, 2014.

Thomas J. Hauser
President

Bill Amos

Randy Kleaving

*Minutes prepared by:
Connie A. Berger, Perry County Auditor*